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I was born in North London, as an only child, evacuated during the war. I went to Our Lady's Convent High School in Stamford Hill which was run by the Servite nuns. My mother was Irish from Co. Clare, a devout Catholic. After school I went to the City of London College where I obtained my secretarial qualifications and then got a job in the West End of London. As a young person I enjoyed London with my friends and took advantage of all that the big city had to offer.

I met my husband, Tim, at a Catholic social club and after we married we moved to Guildford, where we had two children. I was School Secretary at St Peter's Catholic School for 14 years. We were in a parish that was vibrant (this was just after Vatican II)

with ecumenism led by inspiring priests, so we were very blessed. We moved to Portsmouth in 1986, following my son who had recently moved there to get married. My daughter and her family moved to Portsmouth so we have our five grandchildren, and four great grandchildren living nearby. Sr Josie and Sr Sheelagh came to our parish (St Joseph's) and introduced us to the charism of the FMDM and Tim and I became Associates.

We were very sad when the Sisters left St Josephs, but we are members of an interesting group which has the support of Sr. Yvonne (from Southsea) and of course Sr Shirley and the sisters from Ladywell.